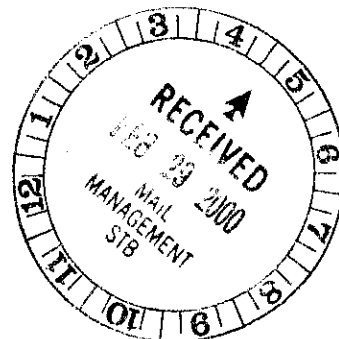


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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Dear Sir:

SCM, Supply Chain Management Inc. is a third party logistics company that is a major user of rail service in the U.S. and Canada. The purpose of this letter is to comment on the issues to be discussed on March 8th, 2000 in Ex Parte 582.

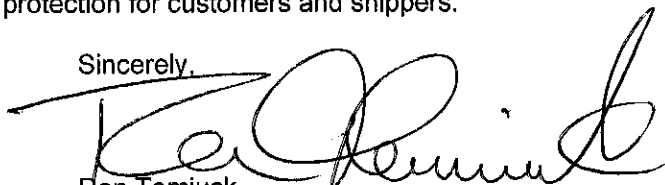
We encourage the Surface Transportation Board to focus on whether the proposed CN-BNSF combination, or any merger for that matter, is good for their customers or shippers. The CN-BNSF combination should be judged on its merits.

Service delivered from the proposed CN-BNSF combination is the central issue for our company. Recent mergers have failed at this because of poor execution not because this is a bad time for mergers in the rail industry. Accordingly, the Surface Transportation Board should focus on ensuring that CN-BNSF combination, and any other future mergers, will deliver service.

We trust that the Surface Transportation Board has a comprehensive process to evaluate railroad transactions and protect the public interest. It should fairly evaluate the CN-BNSF combination according to that process.

We do wonder whether the other railroads opposition to the use of the Surface Transportation Board process is an effort to insulate themselves from competition rather than as a protection for customers and shippers.

Sincerely,


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